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SUBJ: KOREAN MEDIA ON US RELATED TOPICS, MAY 24

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1. BRZEZINSKI SEOUL VISIT. HEADLINE COVERAGE PLUS EDITORIALS, COMMENTARY AND BACKGROUND PIECES IN ALL PRESS. TONE OF EDITORIALS GENERALLY POSITIVE, EXPECTING VISIT TO CONTRIBUTE TOWARD IMPROVING US/ROK RELATIONS. WHILE NOTING CARTER ADMINISTRATION "HAD SO FAR NEGLECTED THE KOREA QUESTION", TONGA ILBO OPINES VISIT SHOWS RENEWED INTEREST IN KOREA. SOME EDITORIALS VOICE HOPE VISIT WILL CONTRIBUTE TO US "REASSESSMENT" OF KOREA SITUATION. COMMENTARIES PREDICT DISCUSSIONS WILL FOCUS ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL, SUBSTANCE OF PEKING DISCUSSIONS, STRATEGY FOR MAINTAINING PEACE AND SECURITY, AND BILATERAL ISSUES, INCLUDING TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL. CHUNGANG ILBO CAUTIONED AGAINST WHAT IT PERCEIVED AS "HASTY" US MOVEMENT TOWARD JOINT US/PRC OPPOSITION TO USSR. SEOUL SINMUN REASONS THAT BECAUSE

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OF KIM IL-SONG'S INTRANSIGENCE, EFFORTS TOWARD KOREA SOLUTIONS HAVE BEEN STYMIED AND THEREFORE PAPER ADVISES POLICY OF "ISOLATE P'YONGYANG FROM INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY". SEOUL SINMUN PREDICTS ROKG WILL URGE "FAITHFUL IMPLEMENTATION" OF COMPENSATORY MEASURES; WILL EXPRESS CONCERN OVER CONGRESS, EMPHASIZING CONGRESSIONAL ACTIVITIES DO NOT COMPLY WITH

NATIONAL INTEREST OF EITHER ROK OR US. TONGA ILBO  
GOSSIP COMMENTS 5/24 RECEPTION WILL AFFORD KOREAN GUESTS  
OPPORTUNITY OF MEETING BOTH OUTGOING AND INCOMING US  
AMBASSADORS. GHUNGANG ILBO GOSSIP SAYS FORMIN DOES NOT  
EXPECT ANYTHING SURPRISING FROM BRZEZINSKI AND THINKS  
IT UNLIKELY BRZEZINSKI WILL PUT FORWARD NEW IDEAS.

2. BRZEZINSKI/FUKODA. TOKYO CORRESPONDENTS REPORT  
FOLLOWING AS MAIN POINTS IN MEETING: A) BRZEZINSKI  
INFORMED PRC OF US INTENTION NOT TO DISTURB KOREAN  
PENINSULA SECURITY; B) ALTHOUGH AGREEING ON A NUMBER OF  
ISSUES, US/PRC HAD MAJOR DIVERGENCE OF VIEW ON KOREA;  
C) PRC REPEATED DEMAND FOR USFK WITHDRAWAL; AND D)  
US REPEATED OPPOSITION TO CONTACT WITH DPRK EXCLUDING ROK.

3. KOREA AID. WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENTS REPORT 5/23  
HIRC FAILURE TO DECIDE ON MODIFIED AMENDMENT. SINA ILBO  
CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THAT EVIDENCE SHOWING AS MANY AS  
TEN INCUMBENTS MAY HAVE RECEIVED MONEY FROM KIM DONG-JO  
(AP STORY CITING ETHICS COMMITTEE SOURCES CARRIED IN  
ALL PRESS) MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO HARDLINE RESOLUTION  
DEMANDING TESTIMONY. IN RELATED PIECE, CORRESPONDENTS  
REPORT STRATTON AMENDMENT REFERRED TO HIRC AND "ALMOST  
CERTAIN TO BE DELETED".

4. CBO REPORT. COVERAGE OF CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE  
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REPORT RELEASED 5/23 SAYS ROK CAN DETER NORTH KOREAN  
INVASION EVEN WITHOUT PRESENCE OF SECOND DIVISION.  
REPORT NOTES NO BUDGETARY SAVING RESULT FROM SECOND  
DIVISION WITHDRAWAL UNLESS DIVISION IS DISBANDED.

5. CEAUSESCU. TOKYO REPORTS ON CEAUSESCU P'YONGYANG  
DEPARTURE NOTE COMMUNIQUE HAD NOT MENTION OF TRIPARTITE  
PROPOSAL AND LACKED DIRECT DENUNCIATION OF US AND ROK.  
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